

SMALL GROUP HEALTHCARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Health IT Adoption and the New Challenges Faced by Solo and Small Group Healthcare Practices.” Testimony was heard from David Blumenthal, M.D., National Coordinator, Health IT, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit approved for full Committee action the Surface Transportation Authorization Act of 2009

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2379, Veterans Group Life Insurance Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2713, Disabled Veterans Life Insurance Enhancement Act; H.R. 2968, to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the required reduction in the amount of the accelerated death benefit payable to certain terminally-ill persons insured under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance or Veterans' Group Life Insurance; H.R. 2774, Families of Veterans Financial Security Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Buyer, Donnelly, Halvorson, and Kirkpatrick of Arizona; Thomas M. Lostowka, Director, VA Regional Office and Insurance Center, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; a representative of a veterans organizations; and a public witness.

HEALTH REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on Health Reform in the 21st Century: Proposals to Reform the Health System. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—SIGNIFICATION NOTIFICATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Significant Notification. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies and Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, 3 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Raphael William Bostic, of California, and David H. Stevens, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, time to be announced, room to be announced.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine impacts of highway trust fund insolvency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of mountaintop removal coal mining on water quality in Appalachia, 3:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Maria Otero, to be Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs, and Philip L. Verveer, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, both of the Department of State, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to continue consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, subcommittee assignments, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 797, to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 2000, and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve the prosecution of, and response to, crimes in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine “The Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act”, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 257, to amend title 11, United States Code, to disallow certain claims resulting from high cost credit debts, H.R. 985 and S. 448, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 417, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 396, for the relief of Marcos Antonio Sanchez-Diaz, and the nominations of B. Todd Jones, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, and John P. Kacavas,